



Strait Stamp Talk



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Strait Stamp Society meets the first Thursday of the month at The Sequim Library 630 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim, Washington, at 6.00-8:00pm. No dues - Donations only. Strait Stamp Talk is a bi-monthly newsletter for Strait Stamp Society. Send Philatelic news and article to the editor Chester Masters 562 E. Runnion Rd. Sequim, WA 98382-9468.

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Wes Falor

President *Photo by Richard T.*

Now that spring is almost upon us it is time to begin the preparation and organization of the material you plan to exhibit at our August show. I know this seems early, but the time will really fly once the weather turns nice, and other things begin to use up our time. We will have a really nice presentation by Rick Kunz this month that should appeal to the history buff, that is present, in all of us. You will have to bring your own popcorn though.

Our letter for the month is “Y” which gives us lots of strange possibilities, such as Yugoslavia and ?, there seems to be a lack of countries starting with “Y” so you will have to dig deep to come up with other topics like Yunnan, Yan, Y.C.C.P. overprint and “?”. Please remember any item is always welcome for show and tell, as sharing with our members is one of the things this hobby is about.

For April, truly now in the spring mode, we have a silent auction, so please remember to bring the white elephants and any other items you would like to sell and raise money for your other stamp interests.

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March 2nd mtg

After the general meeting, Rick Kunz will present a talk on “Railway post Offices and the in-transit distribution of mail” followed by a USPOD film “Men and mail in transit.” This will be followed by a show and tell that begins with the letter “Y” Don’t forget to bring your 1-page **exhibit** featuring the letter “D” for our 16 page frame exhibit for PIPEX in May.

!!IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE !!

Wednesday, April 5th

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter “Z”. This will be followed by a silent Auction. Bring items you are interested in selling. Silent auction forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamp.org

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Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes.

January 5th meeting

Seventeen members made it out to the January 5th meet. Cathie reported that two dealers have made deposits on their tables and the artist is working on designs for our cachet/cancel. For the letter "W", Rick brought a power point of numerous transit postmarks train and trolley lines that begin with the letter, including some slides of the trains themselves (hope I got this right., Rick!). Charles showed a large fascinating collection of "'waterfowl'. Jim showed more of his great patriotic covers, these showing George Washington. And Cathie showed a 'wheel bell' cover – an odometer to fasten to the axle of as carriage (the bell rang at the end of every mile).

Discussion was held about our club helping the APS put together a Washington State stamp album, and several member are going to try to add some research notes to the stamps already chosen.

A short meeting, but again enjoyable.

February 2nd meeting

The club is well on its way with the Strait Stamp Show August 12th. We have dealers, and artwork for the cachet and camel has been ordered. Were still looking for better ink for the cancel, that will stick to shiny stamps without smearing.

At the February meeting we had some super "X" presentation. Roger showed covers to Bruxelles, St.Croix, Gex (France), Sophe Serex...and an express wrapper, Rick showed (on power point)_ X cancels; a stamp of Handle, who wrote the opera "Xerxe"; the element tables the element Xenon; Scott U.S. # 2 with Xes for the 1 0 denomination (and then again with x cancels) the U.S.S. Xenia; a Xenia, Ohio cancel: a soft coral called xenia; Xylophone and xrox invented by Crlson. Whew!

Then Julie showed us interesting item from Xian. China, where the Terracotta Warriors from 210 BC are. She may be the only one of our members who has been there !

The silent auction was completely silent. We need to learn how to use the activity better.

For a wintry Night, the 7 members attending hadf a great time again!

STRAIT STAMP TALK



Editor Chester Master

I have been editing the newsletter Strait stamp talk for 17 and will finish at the end of the year. A retired editor from the Seattle P.I. did the first volume. Tom Read came up with the name "STRAIT STAMP TALK to fit the collector's on the Olympic Peninsula he collected publishers on stamps and past away about 15 years ago.

Cathie been working hard on the stamp dealers for our stamp show and the cachet and show cover cancellation for the show cover plus the dealers.

My computer hard drive crashed at the end of January when they hooked up new speakers. Now I need someone to make the new OPREN EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM And Stamp SHOW PROGRAMS for the 2917 Aug.12th STRAIT STAMP SHOW with the dears list and list of exhibits and exhibitors. 1

You can get a list of dealers from Cathie and entry forms in about a week before for printing. Dick McCammon has original copy of the club chapter logo and APS club chapter log. Dick also is the web master is the web master for the stamp club and still have the 2016 entry form on the club web.

Make a new 2017 copy and send him replacing my name and address.. check with Cathie of any other changes

Hope everyone collecting stamps this past year can come up with interesting exhibit that will help exhibit viewer in collecting stamps as a hobby and join our club. I enjoyed stamp collecting and working with the club after retired from work job. ☺